



MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A Message from Mrs Hewitt

The initial 2 weeks of opening for Years 1 and Reception have gone well due to the limited numbers onsite. I am sure you are aware that we still face various logistical issues such as sharing toilets but the procedures are working well so far. Two governors came into school this week and felt confident that the strategies in place are effective in keeping us as safe as possible; thank you to Caroline Tilsley and Georgina Chancellor for giving up their time to support us. Andi Lynch, Chair of Governors, continues to be in daily contact with us too to monitor the safety for all. We have also had a significant increase in the number of key workers' children who are returning to school. In order to cater for these children, we have had to extend the number of groups open, which has meant using extra classrooms as each group cannot have more than 9 pupils in it to maintain social distancing. All available staff are now in school during the week, whilst still providing home learning and feedback to pupils in their class; this will not change. Hence, after a great deal of deliberation, we have decided to remain closed to Nursery for the rest of this school year, so that we can continue to use the room to accommodate our younger key workers' children.

At this present time we cannot invite more Reception or Year 1 children to the groups, as all available staff and spaces are now being utilized. Also, in order to minimise risk we do not wish to alter groups; our risk assessments work on the basis that established groups do not mix at all and are kept the same as possible over a three week period. Additional key worker groups are now set up to start 22nd June, and the children in Year R and 1 who have been attending will receive a letter next week regarding any changes to times or entrances; these groups will remain constant for 3 weeks once again.

If the infection rates did continue to drop, we would hope to invite our Year 4 children back for a short session in the last week of term to support their transition into middle school, and to say a final goodbye to them (only if parents wish their child to attend). More information will follow for these children if we are able to do this safely and if government restrictions relax. We are sorry that we will be unable to welcome children from other year groups back at present. This continues to be a very difficult time for us all; school is a very different place at the moment and we greatly miss the lively and fun atmosphere of having the school full of children. I hope that you are all well. We miss you. Stay safe

Catshill Baptist Foodbank

If anyone requires any help please contact the foodbank on 07542 102649.

Hello Ducklings, we miss you. Thank you for all of those that have been in touch this week, it really is lovely to see you. We hope you are all safe and well and enjoying the time with your family. As ever you guys have done amazingly well working from home well done! You can look forward to stories from both Miss Bailey and Mrs Constantine next week. The Nursery Team

Hello Goslings and Cygnets, we hope you have enjoyed learning all about minibeasts this week. We have loved seeing photos of your minibeast hotels in your gardens. Let us know if any minibeasts move in! We are so proud of you all for working hard in your phonics and maths activities. Keep working on your numbers to 20. Please keep in touch on Tapestry, we really enjoy seeing what you've been up to at home. From Mrs Tromans and Mrs Thomas and team.

Hello to all of Year One. We hope you have had another great week of learning. Well done to everyone at home and at school. Thank you to the children who have been to school for following the new rules so well. Thank you to all parents/carers for your continued support at this time. Please remember that you are welcome to use Oak National Academy lessons or lessons from the BBC Bitesize website. We are going to be exploring both sites so you may see this in your weekly plans. If you have other materials that you like, please feel free to use them. Remember to use what works best for you and your child/children. Have another great week! From, The Year One Team.

A big hello to all of the Owls and Hedgehogs! It's been another busy week for you all learning about animals big and small. It's been lovely to see the photographs of all of your amazing home learning. What great ideas you have all had! Well done for completing the work on purple mash too! The games and activities have been completed by lots of you, thank you! It has been lovely to hear other exciting challenges you have completed like learning to ride bicycles, cooking with your grown ups and gardening! Don't forget to keep emailing us with your news. If we are in school it may take a little longer to respond but we are thinking about you all of the time and looking forward to seeing how you get on with your new home learning topic 'Under the Sea'. Love from Mrs Ness, Mr Squires and the year 2 team.

Hello Sharks and Dolphins! Well even though we can't rely on the weather to always cheer us up, seeing how hard you are working everyday really puts a smile on all of our faces! We know lots of you are finding being home all the time and not being able to see everyone to be a tough challenge, especially as the weeks continue to roll on. But we are all so proud of how well you are all doing with your work and you are all showing great determination and resilience!

Lots of you have sent pictures of your work to us through the class email and on the Purple Mash blogs. It would be great to see as many fun and exciting things happening at home as possible so if you've been learning a new skill or maybe created something amazing with your family then please share it with your friends and teachers, we'd love to see what creative things everyone's getting up to! We hope everyone at home is well and that any lockdown haircuts haven't been too traumatic! Lots of love, Mr Brooke, Mrs Andrews, Mrs Glover, Mrs Walters, Mrs Easden & Mrs Rose

Hi Year 4! It's been a really busy week finding out about different animals! I hope you have all had a really good week and enjoyed the topic. Next week we are going to find out about 'Under the Sea'. Don't forget to email over anything you have been doing because it's the highlight of our week! Make sure you are still practising your times tables and reading daily! Have a great weekend! The Year 4 team